

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Simon Shim on November 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 11, delete "prepared" and insert --- obtained ---.

In claim 18, line 15, delete "prepared" and insert --- obtained ---.

In claim 21, line 15, delete "prepared" and insert --- obtained ---.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention is drawn to a recycling method of mixed waste polyester and waste polyamide where the mixture is first depolymerized by a rosin or a diol, then repolymerized as a polyesteramide block polymer with an acid or a diol. During the second step, additional waste polyamide or a polyamide-producing monomer is added. Prior art discloses the depolymerization and/or the polymerization of polyester or

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polyamide separately. Prior art also discloses certain processes of copolymerizing polyester and polyamide which involve reaction of the terminal groups only. However, no prior art teaches or fairly suggests first depolymerizing a mixture of polyester and polyamide together using a diol or rosin followed by polymerization while adding more waste polyamide or more polyamide-producing monomer in order to control the physical properties of the polyesteramide block polymer product.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Frances Tischler whose telephone number is (571)270-5458. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 5:00 PM; off every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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